

Lunenburg Council on Aging Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010

Minutes Approved at the 12/14, 2010 COA Meeting

Welcome: Pete Lincoln, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Present: Pete Lincoln (Chairperson), Doreen Noble (Director), Mary Lynn Conrad, Fred Crellin, Jane Doyle, Joyce Wass, Barbara Brown, Sandy Flanagan, Sis Montuori, Jim Hays and Susan Doherty (Admin. Asst.)

Excused: Deb Seeley

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 12, 2010 COA meeting minutes as amended. All approved, motion carried.

Director's Report:

Finance/Informational Report:

A COA budget sheet was given to all members to review. (See Attached)

Doreen reported that approximately 137 people attended the pancake breakfast in October.

The Director will be meeting with Joann Champa from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation on November 15, 2010 in Boston. She is hoping to procure another van for the Town/Senior Center to be used for special trips. A question was raised about who would be responsible for maintenance for this van to which Doreen replied that it maybe difficult to get service from MART and that perhaps the Highway Department may have to be used for that.

The Town Manager will be presenting her 5 year budget projection to the Selectmen this evening.

The Eagle house maybe getting another student intern in January. Doreen feels she would like to be careful with her selection of a student and will request that there be multiple applicants to choose from.

Doreen informed the board that she now sits on the "Human Service Advisory" committee at Fitchburg State University and also on the Montachusett Home Care Crisis Advisory committee.

The Senior Citizen Property Tax Work Off Program met on Monday November 8, 2010. Approximately 14 out of the 16 participants in this program will be receiving an abatement on their property tax bills for 2010. The committee is in the process of revamping the applications for 2011. All town departments will be asked to send in their requests for applicants. The Council on Aging will have positions open for 3-4 people in 2011.

Old Business:

Parking Lot: The final plan and list of costs for the parking lot have been completed. Apparently there was a newspaper story in a local paper which was misleading about the cost of the project. The request amount for the grant is \$333,000.00 and according to Shelly Hatch from MRPC (Montachusett Regional Planning Commission) the funds should go to the project which is most "shovel ready", which the Eagle House parking project is. There are three required public meetings for this project and Doreen and Shelly will be meeting with the Selectmen again on Tuesday December 7, 2010 for the third meeting. The grant is due on December 10, 2010.

The Housing Rehab project is “coat tailing” on the parking lot grant. This grant consists of a 15 year, no interest loan, to income eligible homeowners for housing repairs up to \$30,000.00. Eligible households are in a designated “block” area near the Eagle House Senior Center. If the homeowner stays in their home for the 15 years, the loan will be forgiven.

New Business:

COA Agenda Format: Sue Doherty informed the board that Llynn Kluft from the Town Clerks questioned the COA agenda format. She requested that the meeting address be added to the agenda and that items such as “Old Business” and “New Business” not be included on the agenda if nothing was listed under either title. After a short discussion the COA board agreed that the address should be added but that they were happy with the way that the monthly agenda is set up so there would be no other changes made.

Committee Reports: There was no quorum for the COA Finance Sub-Committee which was scheduled to meet at 9AM before the COA meeting so the meeting was cancelled and rescheduled to December 14, 2010 at 9AM. Sue Doherty will post this meeting with the Town Clerks office. Reminder Emails will also be sent to all COA sub committee members.

Pete Lincoln suggested that the COA Board Development Committee begin looking for a new COA board member. He also suggested that eliminating the COA Directors Evaluation Committee be looked into.

Correspondence: No new correspondence at this meeting.

General Discussion: Doreen informed the board that the town of Templeton will finally be breaking ground on a new senior center. She said that she had started that project 10 years ago and that it was wonderful to finally see it come to fruition.

Upcoming Events: See attached agenda.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
All approved, and the motion was carried. The meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Doherty, Administrative Assistant